

ABEL, JOHN (1770 - 1819), Welsh Independent minister

Name: John Abel
Date of birth: 1770
Date of death: 1819
Spouse: Margaret Williams
Parent: William Abel
Gender: Male
Occupation: Welsh Independent minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in Llanybri, Carmarthenshire, 1770, son of William Abel, one of the founders of Capel Newydd in that village. It is said that he attended the Carmarthen Academy but this establishment was in Swansea at that time.

In 1794 he succeeded [David Davies](#) (died 1807) as minister of the small congregation at Capel Sul, Kidwelly and he also kept a school. John Abel was not orthodox, according to the Unitarian Wright, who visited Wales in 1816, and 'he was considered to be an Arian' who lent his chapel willingly to Wright.

He died on 25th June 1819.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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